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SUBJECT: HELICOPTERS FOR GOA

1. GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF AT LEAST ONE HELICOPTER FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES. THE HELICOPTER WILL BE SHARED AMONG SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION, MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES, AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. THE HELICOPTER SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF OPERATING AT HIGH ALTITUDES (UP TO 16,000 FEET) WITH SUFFICIENT RANGE AND CARRYING CAPACITY FOR SURVEY WORK AND RESCUE OR MEDICAL OPERATIONS. TWO FRENCH MODELS, THE PUMA AND THE GAZELLE, ARE REPORTEDLY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVALUATION OF HELICOPTERS HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADVISE AMERICAN COMPANIES WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN SUPPLYING HELICOPTERS TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS:

LT. GENERAL ADBULLAH ROKAI SULEIMAN
CHIEF OF FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN
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MAHBOOBULLAH OZOD SERAJ
PRESIDENT, AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

3. COMMENT: GOA HAS NOT PUBLICIZED ITS INTEREST IN PROCURING A HELICOPTER FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES. AS ALL HELICOPTERS NOW IN

THE COUNTRY ARE MILITARY AND WERE SUPPLIED BY THE USSR, WE BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT WILL MOVE CAUTIOUSLY IN PROCURING A NON-SOVIET AIRCRAFT TO OPERATE AT LEAST PART OF THE TIME IN THE SENSITIVE BORDER AREAS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND THE USSR. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BELL HELICOPTER VISITED AFGHANISTAN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE AFGHAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION. WE SUGGEST THAT BELL AND OTHER COMPANIES BE ADVISED TO REINFORCE THEIR EFFORTS BY CONTACTING THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. END COMMENT.

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